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12. The process according to claim 11, wherein said solvent comprises water or formic acid.

13. The process according to claim 1, wherein said Lewis base is at least one member selected from the group consisting of primary amines, secondary amines, diamines, alcohols, aminoalcohols, thiols, aminothiols and ammonia.

14. The process according to claim 1, wherein said Lewis base is at least one member selected from the group consisting of primary amines, diamines, and aminothiols.

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15. The process according to claim 1, wherein said polysuccinimide (co)polymer is polysuccinimide.

16. The process according to claim 1, wherein said polysuccinimide (co)polymer is prepared using aspartic acid, (poly)aspartate ammonium, ammonium maleate, or maleic amide as a starting material. --